JUNIOR RANGERS

5 DAYS OF THEMED SCHOOL-AGE SUMMER CAMP LESSONS

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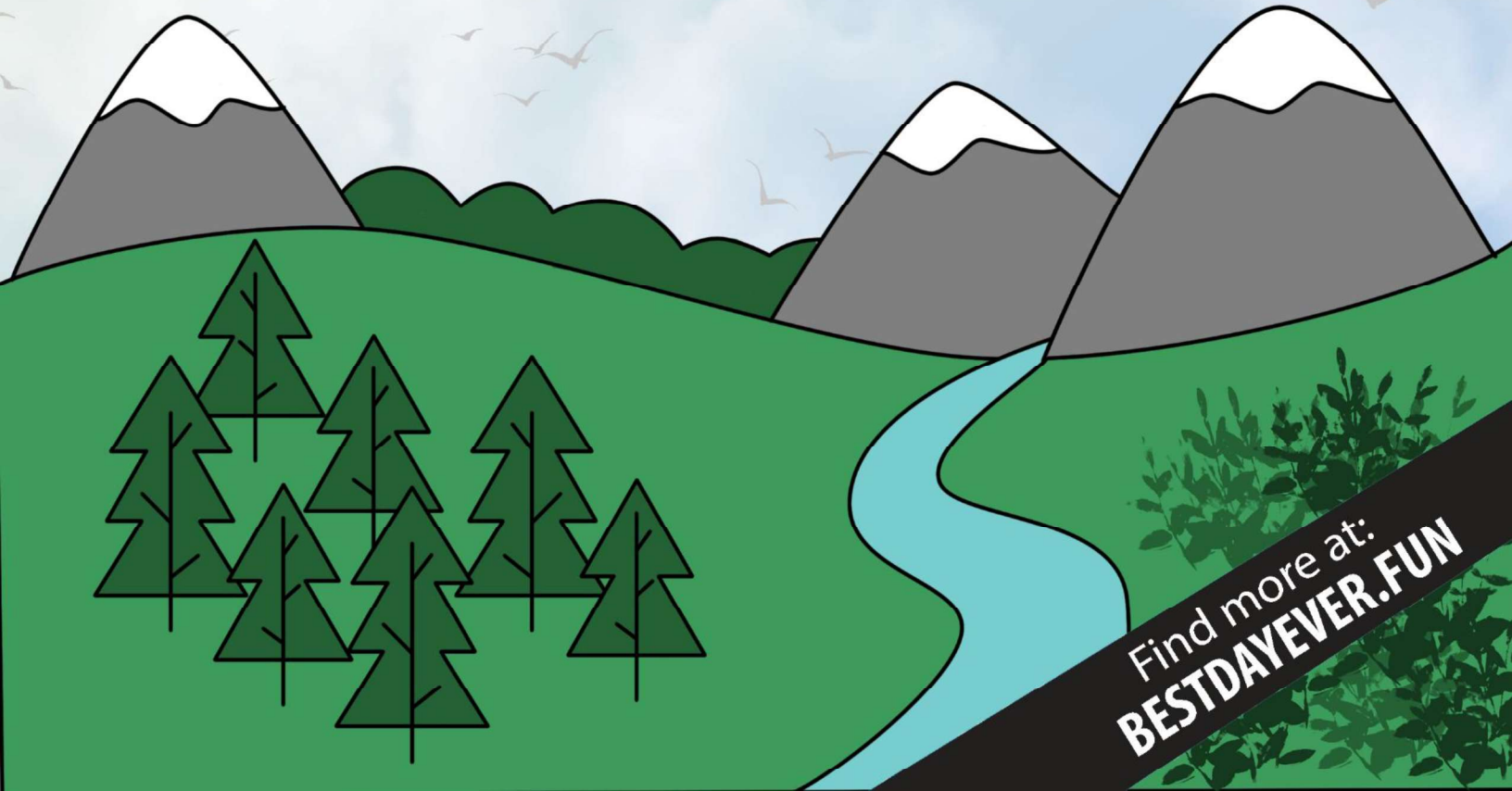

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Set off on a nature-packed adventure! Begin by exploring national parks and sharpening your map-reading skills with exciting hikes. Grab a pair of binoculars for birdwatching and discover wildlife in their natural habitat. Let's head to the great outdoors! Junior Rangers is a school-age unit steeped in activities that enable students to challenge themselves, experiment, and transform information into meaningful content and skills. Students will prepare for the trails as they use scientific thinking, inquiry, and discovery! While the lesson plan incorporates many different Pennsylvania Learning Standards, it focuses on the key learning areas of "Language and Literacy Development" and "Social Studies Thinking." Specifically, students will engage in learning activities that meet the PA Standard Areas of Writing, Speaking and Listening, Basic Geographic Literacy, and Physical Characteristics of Places and Regions.

SCHEDULE

DAY 1

ARRIVAL ACTIVITY	180 MINUTES
READY, SET, LEARN	45 MINUTES
HANDS-ON ACTIVITY – PARK RANGER REPORT	30 MINUTES
BREAK/SNACK TIME	15 MINUTES
LET'S GET MOVING – BEARS AND BUNNIES	45 MINUTES
HANDS-ON ACTIVITY – MORE THAN RANGERS	30 MINUTES
BREAK/LUNCHTIME	45 MINUTES
HANDS-ON ACTIVITY – HANDSEWN TRAVEL JOURNAL	45 MINUTES
SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING – PARK RANGER PROBLEM-SOLVING	45 MINUTES
HANDS-ON ACTIVITY – TRAVEL DRAWINGS	45 MINUTES
WRAP UP/ GOODBYES	15 MINUTES
LATE PICK-UP	10 MINUTES

DAY 2

ARRIVAL ACTIVITY	180 MINUTES
READY, SET, LEARN	45 MINUTES
HANDS-ON ACTIVITY – BASIC MAP SKILLS	30 MINUTES
BREAK/SNACK TIME	15 MINUTES
LET'S GET MOVING – SCAVENGER HUNT RACE	45 MINUTES
HANDS-ON ACTIVITY – ROCKY MOUNTAIN MAP NAVIGATION	30 MINUTES
BREAK/LUNCHTIME	45 MINUTES
HANDS-ON ACTIVITY – PLAYGROUND MAP SKILLS	45 MINUTES
SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING – TRUST YOUR NAVIGATOR	45 MINUTES
HANDS-ON ACTIVITY – RANGER STORY	45 MINUTES
WRAP UP/GOODBYES	15 MINUTES
LATE PICK-UP	10 MINUTES

MATERIALS LIST

- Multimedia player
- Whiteboard or chart paper
- Markers
- Dry erase markers
- Blank white paper
- Lined paper
- Pencils
- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- Poster paper
- Paper bags or construction paper (brown)
- Hole punch
- Scissors
- Notecards
- Yarn or string (multiple colors)
- Image of a compass
- Zip-close bags
- Soft obstacles
- Online photos of National Park maps
- Sticky notes
- Watercolor paint
- Paintbrushes
- Cups
- Water
- Rulers
- Dirt/soil
- Plastic digging toils (such as sandbox tools)
- Plastic bins
- Paper rolls
- Craft tape (assorted designs, if desired)
- Stickers
- Flying disk
- Dominos or blocks
- Optional: Plastic tablecloths
- Optional: Clipboards

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ACTIVITY/CONCENTRATION

HANDS-ON ACTIVITY: PLAYGROUND MAP SKILLS

- **STEP 1:** Give each student something hard to write on, a pencil, and the Playground Map Skills activity page (provided in Additional Resources). Then head outside.
- **STEP 2:** Using a map on a phone or a real compass, determine which way is North and have the students draw a map of the playground in the correct direction. Be sure to include multiple things in the Map Key.
- **STEP 3:** When the students finish their map, have them take turns giving directions to their friends using North, South, East, and West.
- **STEP 4:** If the students are unable to do Step 3 on their own, place them into groups and have a teacher pair up with them and give directions.

DURATION/SCHEDULE

45 minutes – 12:30 to 1:15 p.m.

MATERIALS

- Activity page: Playground Map Skills (provided in the Additional Resources)
- Pencils
- Clipboards (or hard surface to write on)

GOALS/OBJECTIVES

- Demonstrate the understanding of color, shape and line
- Coordinate eye and hand movements

STANDARDS

- 9.1.V 2.A
- 10.5 2.A

LEARNER MODIFICATIONS

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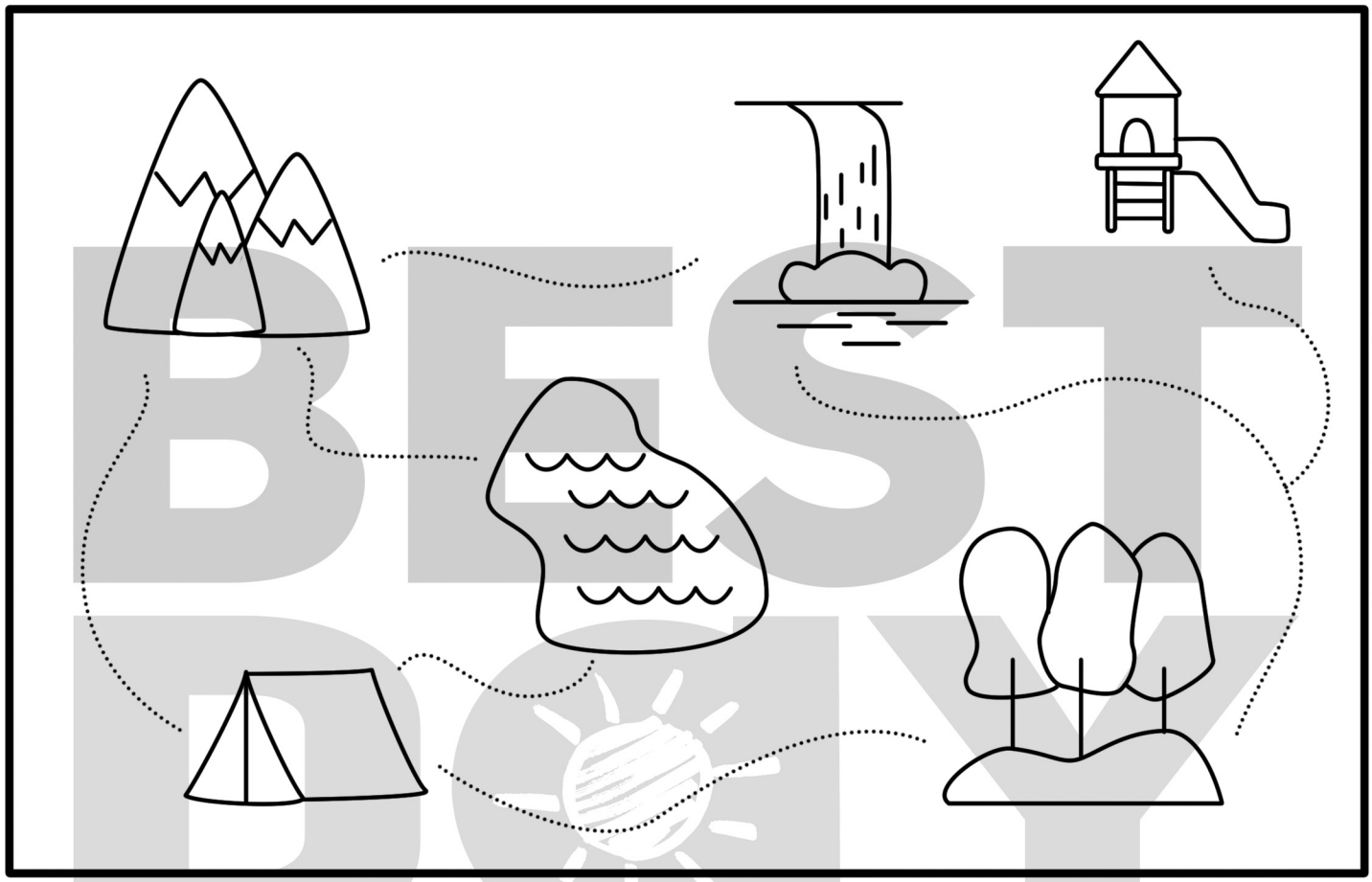
BASIC MAP SKILLS



THE FOREST IS _____ OF THE PLAYGROUND.

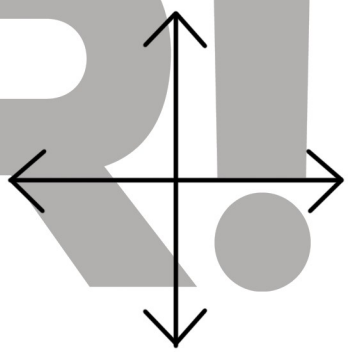
THE LAKE IS _____ OF THE CAMPSITE.

THE WATERFALL IS _____ OF THE MOUNTAINS.

THE CAMPSITE IS _____ OF THE FOREST.

THE PLAYGROUND IS _____ OF THE WATERFALL.

THE MOUNTAINS ARE _____ OF THE LAKE.

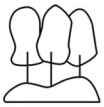


MAP KEY

MOUNTAINS

CAMPSITE

WATERFALL


FOREST

LAKE

PLAYGROUND

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